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TAGS: PDIP, PINT, IS, U.S.
SUBJECT: EBAN RUMORED AS NEXT AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

1. RUMORS ARE RIFE IN JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV THAT ABBA EBAN, BACK FROM AN EXTENDED SPEAKING TOUR OF THE U.S. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, IS BEING CONSIDERED AS THE NEXT AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH IN AN INTERVIEW IN TODAY'S JERUSALEM POST EBAN SCOFFED AT THE REPORTS, OBSERVERS AGREE THAT EBAN, MORE AT HOME IN THE INTERNATIONAL LIMELIGHT THAN AS A KNESSET MEMBER, WOULD JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO BE ONCE MORE AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. HE HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO KEEP IN BEGIN'S GOOD GRACES (THE PRIME MINISTER HOLDS HIM IN HIGH ESTEEM). FOR EXAMPLE, HE DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM THE LABOR PARTY'S CRITICISM OF THE U.S.- ISRAELI WORKING PAPER AND, FROM WHAT HAS FILTERED BACK TO ISRAEL, APPARENTLY MADE GOOD ON HIS INTENTION TO TREAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A NARROW PATH WHILE IN THE U.S. OF DEFENDING ISRAEL'S BASIC FOREIGN POLICY WHILE NOTING WHERE THE ALIGNMENT DIFFERS FROM THE LIKUD. SINCE THE MAY ELECTION HE HAS GENERALLY AVOIDED SHARP CRITICISM OF THE LIKUD, EVEN AS HE TRIES TO MAINTAIN HIS CREDENTIALS AS A LABOR PARTY LEADER.

2. SEEMING TO REFLECT THIS CALCULATED APPROACH, LAST NIGHT

BEFORE A MEETING OF LABOR'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, EBAN CRITICIZED THE DMC'S DECISION TO JOIN THE COALITION. HE EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY AND ATTACKED THE DMC FOR HARMING THE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM BY DESERTING THE RANKS OF THE OPPOSITION AND FOR IGNORING ITS OWN PRINCIPLES WHICH WERE "A COVENANT WITH ITS VOTERS". AT THE SAME TIME EBAN PRAISED THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT FOR MODERATING ITS POSITIONS AND VOICED "CERTAIN WORRIES" ABOUT THE HARDLINE HIS OWN PARTY HAS RECENTLY TAKEN.

3. A REPORT IN YESTERDAY'S YEDIOT AHARANOT NOTED THE RUMORS OF AN AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT FOR EBAN AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD CARRY WITH IT CABINET RANK. THE YEDIOT ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY SHLOMO NAKDIMON, GIVES PARTICULAR WEIGHT TO THESE RUMORS BECAUSE OF NAKDIMON'S CLOSENESS TO BEGIN. NAKDIMON IS HIMSELF CONSIDERING AN OFFER BY BEGIN TO SERVE AS PRESS ADVISER TO THE PRIME MINISTER VICE DAN PATTIR, WHO HAS ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH ISRAEL RADIO AS HEAD OF ITS NEWS DIVISION.
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